

## **Graphical Method and System for Accessing Information on a Communications Network**

### *Abstract*

5 A system and computer-based method for permitting a computer system  
to access a network location using a browser application by activating a desktop  
icon. The system comprises a first computer readable program code means for  
causing the computer system to display a desktop icon associated with a file  
containing a network address corresponding to the network location. When the  
desktop icon is activated, a second computer usable program code means causes  
10 the computer to launch an instance of a browser application or a new window for  
a currently executing browser application and a third computer usable program  
code means causes the computer system to pass the network address to the  
browser application, thereby accessing the network location.